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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Trinity English Lutheran Church Announces "Seeds of Faith" FEST**

September 27, 2009 – Trinity English Lutheran Church invites all to participate in its "Seeds of Faith" FEST on Saturday and Sunday, October 10 and 11. The "FEST" will celebrate Trinity English's completion and dedication of its new 10,900-foot, \$5.5 million building addition.

The completed site improvements reflect feedback gathered from the congregation during a two-year Mission Discernment Process, followed by eight months of Trinity's House Committee interviewing committees, staff, and other groups that use the building. The new gathering space includes a newly designed Washington Boulevard entrance; meeting spaces, restrooms and an enlarged elevator that are accessible to all; a covered entryway, and technology improvements, including use of geothermal and solar energy and more efficient mechanical systems.

The "Seeds of Faith" FEST celebratory weekend includes the following activities and events:

**Saturday, October 10, 2009 – 12:00-5:00 p.m.**

**Community-wide Celebration and Open House**

2:00 p.m., Ribbon-cutting with representatives from the mayor's office and a special presentation by Senator Richard Lugar's office

- Guided tours of new addition, including new geothermal heating/cooling system
- Activities for all ages, including ones for children with prizes
- Live entertainment and music, including concerts by Trinity English musicians
- Short drama presented by our Drama Department
- Arts and crafts activities, puppet-making, Taiko Drums demonstration
- Exhibit booths, with opportunity to learn more about our nearby neighbors, businesses and local nonprofits

**Sunday, October 11, 2009**

**Dedication Celebration, Worship and Open House**

10:00 a.m. -- Laying of the Cornerstone

10:30 a.m. -- Dedication Worship Service (one service) with Bishop James R. Stuck of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod

• Special readings and music by vocal choirs, handbells, and brass, including music especially written for this special occasion

- Self-guided tours of the church and a scavenger hunt for children
- Reception/refreshments
- Trinity English ministries fair

"Throughout its history, Trinity has sought to create a sacred church home where everyone can worship the Lord and learn of God's ways, be one in Christ and share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our neighbors," stated Pastor Fred Hasecke, senior pastor at Trinity. "Now we at Trinity English have a new opportunity to open our doors to everyone and further fulfill our mission to 'Welcome Everyone to Grow in the Love and Grace of Jesus Christ.'" Continued Hasecke, "We also share a purpose with our downtown neighbors who seek to revitalize Fort Wayne's downtown, build a stronger community and create a future with hope."

(See additional fact sheet for information on Trinity English Lutheran Church).

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